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SUBJECT: CABLE HIGHLIGHTS

FOLLOWING ARE CABLE HIGHLIGHTS FOR MAY 25, 1978:

1. ISLAMIC CONFERENCE. TO NO ONE'S SURPRISE, THE US AND ISRAEL WERE STRONGLY CONDEMMED BY THE NINTH CONFERENCE OF ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS. AMONG OTHER RESOLUTIONS, THE CONFERENCE CALLED FOR THE TOTAL ISOLATION OF ISRAEL AND URGED THE US TO RECOGNIZE THE PLO AS THE SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALISTENIAN PEOPLE. (JIDDA 3883, CONFIDNETIAL)

2. CUBANS IN SHABA? THE BELGIAN EMBASSY IN KIGALI DE-BRIEFED A BELGIAN EVACUEE FROM KOLWEZI, AND LEARNED THAT CUBANS HAD INDEED TAKEN PART IN THE SHABA INVASION. THE EVACUEE HAD BEEN HELD (ALLEGEDLY) BY A GROUP OF CUBANS WHO CONVERSED WITH HIM IN SPANISH. US EMBASSY OFFICIALS DEBRIEFINGS IN KINSHASA INDICATE THAT OTHER PERSONS ALSO
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OBSERVED NON-AFRICANS COMBATANTS DIRECTING THE KATANGESE GUERRILLAS. (KIGALI 792, CONFIDENTIAL AND KINSHASA 5389, CONFIDENTIAL)

3. IRAQ ON SOUTH LEBANON. THE IRAQI GOVERNMENT SEEMS TO BE REASSESSING ITS POSITION ON THE SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON, AND IN REATIVE TERMS, MAY BE CONSIDERING A

SOFTER LINE. ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE
MAY INCREASE THE IRAQIS' CONFIDENCE IN UNIFIL'S
ABILITY TO EFFECTIVELY CONTROL THE AREA. (BAGHDAD 1103,
CONFIDENTIAL)

4. SHABA AND THE MINES. THE SHABA INVASION AND THE SUB-
SEQUENT HALT IN MINING OUTPUT IN THE ZAIREAN PROVINCE WILL
SEVERELY AGGRAVATE THE ALREADY BAD ECONOMIC SITUATION
IN THAT COUNTRY. AN EXPECTED DECLINE IN MINERALS
REVENUE OF APPROXIMATELY 25 COUPLED WITH EXISTING
PROBLEMS IN COFFEE EXPORTS WILL COMBINE TO PRODUCE A
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT APPROACHING \$655 MILLION.
(KINSHASA 5328, CONFIDENTIAL)

5. GREEK PM TO US. GREEK PRIME MINISTER CARAMANALIS'
TRIP TO THE US COMES AT A TIME WHEN GREEK-US RELATIONS
ARE STRAINED, AND AT A TIME WHEN HE IS UNDER PRESSURE
DOMESTICALLY TO REASSESS THE SPECIAL TIES BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES. CARAMANALIS MUST BE REASSURED THAT THE
US UNDERSTANDS HIS DIFFICULTIES IN ORDER TO CONVINCE HIM
TO CONTINUE PURSUING POLICIES IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST.
(ATHENS 4316, CONFIDENTIAL/EXDIS)

6. EL SALVADOR KIDNAPPING. THE RECENT KIDNAPPING OF A
JAPANESE BUSINESSMAN BY LEFT WING TERRORISTS HAS ALREADY
BEGUN TO UNDERMINE BUSINESS CONFIDENCE IN THE EL SALVA-
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DORIAN GOVERNMENTS ABILITY TO MAINTAIN ORDER. THIS
ACCORDS WITH THE LEFTISTS' INTENTIONS TO DISCREDIT THE
GOVERNMENT AND HAMPER THE DEVELOPMENT OF FOREIGN-OWNED
BUSINESS IN THAT COUNTRY. (SAN SALVADOR 2602, ')
CONFIDENTIAL)

7. CHINESE TROOPS IN LAOS? A SOURCE IN VIENTIANE INDI-
CATES THAT THE PRC IS DEVELOPING A MILITARY COMMAND
CENTER IN NORTHERN LAOS, TO DIRECT 20,000 CHINESE TROOPS.
THE REPORT IS UNCONFIRMED, BUT PLAUSIBLE. (VIENTIANE 585,
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